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LOK SABHA

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PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOOTHS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending applications for allotment of public telephone booths, circle-wise in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the criteria laid down for allotment of such booths;

(c) the steps taken to clear all the pending applications;

(d) whether while allotting the booths any priority is given to educated unemployed youths/handicapped; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, No application is pending for allotment of public telephone booths (PCOs) in Tamilnadu.

(b) Public telephone booths are allotted liberally to all applicants of the age of 18 years and above as per their registration subject to technical feasibility.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) & (e)Normally, the Public Telephones are allotted to all the applicants as per their registration. However, where there is waiting list, priority in allotment is given to the handicapped persons alongwith war-widows/dependants, SC/ST and ex-servicemen. No priority for educated unemployed youths is considered necessary as the PCOs are available on demand in most of the areas.